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SUBJ: LIMITATIONS ON EXPORTS OF SELECTED FOODSTUFFS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE CONASUPO' S ESTIMATES OF MEXICO' S FY 1974
U. S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY NEEDS. ALL FIGURES ARE IN
METRIC TONS BY MONTH OF EXPECTED DELIVERY FOR PURCHASES
ALREADY MADE AND ADDITIONAL PLANNED PURCHASES . CONASUPO
STATES THAT THESE FIGURES REPRESENT THEIR MOST CONSERVATIVE
ESTIMATES OF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS AND UNAVAILABILITY OF THESE
COMMODITIES WOULD CAUSE MAJOR FOOD SUPPLY PROBLEMS FOR MEXICO.

A. CORN: JULY - 129,619 BOT, 50,000 PLANNED; AUG- 153,059
BOT, 50,000 PLANNED; SEPT-184,926 BOT, 50,000 PLANNED;
OCT-4,000 BOT, 10,000 PLANNED; JAN- JUNE 1974-250,000
PLANNED FOR APR- JUNE DEL. TOTAL FY 1974 - 471,604 BOT,
410,000 PLANNED FOR GRAND TOTAL 881,604.

B. WHEAT: JULY - 234,469 BOT; AUG - 181,500 BOT;
SEPT - 62,000 BOT; OCT - 47,500 BOT, 70,000 PLANNED;
NOV - 30,000 BOT, 70,000 PLANNED; DEC - 70,000 PLANNED;
JAN- JUNE 1974 - 100,000 PLANNED FOR MAR- JUNE DEL. TOTAL
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FY 1974 - 555,469 BOT, 121,000 PLANNED FOR GRAND TOTAL
676,469.

C. SOYBEAN MEAL: JULY - 200 BOT; OCT - 15,000 PLANNED.
TOTAL FY 1974 - 200 BOT, 15,000 PLANNED FOR GRAND TOTAL 15,200.

D. POWDERED MILK: 4,000 PLANNED PURCHASES DURING FY 1974
ALL FOR NOV. DEL.

3. TALLOW: JULY - 9,980 BOT; AUG - 4,010 BOT; SEPT - 6,000
PLANNED; OCT - 6,000 PLANNED; NOV - 6,000 PLANNED; JAN- JUNE
1974 - 25,000 PLANNED. TOTAL FY 1974 - 13,990 BOT, 43,000
PLANNED FOR GRAND TOTAL 56,990.

F. SOYBEANS: NOV - 20,000 PLANNED; DEC - 20,000 PLANNED;
JAN- JUNE 1974 - 60,000 PLANNED FOR JAN- MAR DEL. TOTAL FY
1974 - 100,000 ALL PLANNED.

G. COTTONSEED: SEPT - 25,000 PLANNED; OCT - 25,000 PLANNED;
NOV - 25,000 PLANNED; DEC - 25,000 PLANNED. TOTAL FY 1974 -
100,000, ALL PLANNED PURCHASES.

H. VEG OILS: JULY - 11,119 BOT; AUG - 4,000 BOT, 4,000
PLANNED; SEPT - 4,000 BOT, 4,000 PLANNED; OCT - 4,000 BOT,
4,000 PLANNED; NOV 4,500 BOT, 4,000 PLANNED. TOTALS
FY 1974 - 27,619 BOTN 16,000 PLANNED FOR GRAND TOTAL 43,619.

I. BARLEY: JULY - 2,000 BOT; AUG - 2,219 BOT. FY 1974
TOTAL - 4,219, ALL BOT.

J. SORGHUM: TOTAL FY 1974 PLANNED PURCHASES 150,000
FOR FEB- APR DELIVERY.

2. COMMENT: BASED ON OUR OWN ANALYSIS OF MEXICAN PRODUCTION
AND CONSUMPTION OF THE COMMODITIES LISTED PARA 1, CONASUPO' S
ESTIMATES OF REQUIREMENTS FROM THE US IN FY 1974 APPEAR
GENERALLY REASONABLE AT THIS TIME. THE THREE MORE UNCERTAIN
COMMODITIES ARE CORN, SORGHUM AND TALLOW. ABOUT 80 PERCENT
OF MEXICO' S CORN IS PRODUCED ON NON- IRRIGATED LAND AND
SCATTERED DROUGHT CONDITIONS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REPORTED IN
SOME AREAS WHICH WILL BE HARVESTED IN OCTOBER. HOWEVER, RAINS
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ASSOCIATED WITH STORM BERNICE COVERED A LARGE PORTION OF
MEXICO DURING THE JUNE 21-24 PERIOD MAY HAVE PARTIALLY
ALLEVIATED THE REPORTED DROUGHT IN SOME CORN AREAS.
CONASUPO' S ESTIMATE OF CORN IMPORT NEEDS REFLECTS SOME CONCERN
ABOUT WEATHER PROBLEMS MENTIONED ABOVE AND IS CONSIDERABLY
HIGHER THAN OUR EARLIER ESTIMATE OF 500,000 MT. WE BELIEVE,
HOWEVER, THAT WITH GOOD GROWING WEATHER DURING THE REMAINDER

OF THE CURRENT SEASON, PRODUCTION PLUS 500,000 MT IMPORTS WILL
BE SUFFICIENT TO MEET PROJECTED CONSUMPTION DURING FY 1974.

ON THE MINUS SIDE THE SAME STORM DUMPED UP TO 7 INCHES OF
RAIN ON NORTHEASTERN STATE OF TAMAULIPAS WHERE A BUMPER SORGHUM
CROP WAS BEING HARVESTED. THE SORGHUM CROP ESTIMATED A 1 MILLION
MT PRIOR TO STORM REPORTEDLY WAS ABOUT 25 PERCENT HARVESTED AT
THAT

TIME. SOME PRESS REPORTS HAVE INDICATED 20 PERCENT DAMAGE CAUSED
BY

THE STORM, BUT AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT CANNOT BE MADE
FOR SEVERAL DAYS. IT MAY WELL BE THAT SORGHUM IMPORT
REQUIREMENTS (PARA 1- J) WILL GO HIGHER. FY 1974 TALLOW
IMPORT NEEDS OUTLINED IN PARA 1- E WOULD APPEAR TO BE
SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN OUR EARLIER ESTIMATE OF 40,000
MT. DUE TO TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS IN THE US., HOWEVER,
CONASUPO HAS GRANTED EXTENSIONS OF DELIVERY DATES INTO
JULY AND AUGUST FOR ABOUT 14,000 MT THAT WAS CONTRACTED
FOR DELIVERY MOSTLY IN APRIL THROUGH JUNE. WE BELIEVE A
TOTAL OF 50,000 MT BASED ON ACTUAL DELIVERIES DURING FY 1974
IS A MORE REALISTIC LEVEL.

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